

## WOMEN ARGUE STRONGLY FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Miss Kate Gordon, of New Orleans, and Mrs. Stephen Putney Make Addresses.

MRS. C. V. MEREDITH PRESIDES

Question, Miss Gordon Says, Is Merely Whether South Will Act Through States or Be Forced Through Federal Amendment.

"What I want to know is, who gave men the right in representative form of government to say whether or not women shall vote?" It was Miss Kate Gordon, of New Orleans, who in a brilliant address on the subject of votes for the Southern woman last night in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, made this very pertinent query. The occasion was a mass-meeting held under the auspices of the Equal Suffrage League of Richmond, at which Miss Gordon and Mrs. Stephen Putney, of Wytheville, were the speakers.

The audience, as Mrs. Putney said, was necessarily an intelligent one, being a Richmond audience, and many telling points were made by both speakers.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE A FACT, NOT AN EXPERIMENT

Miss Gordon said that people made the mistake of speaking of woman suffrage as an experiment, rather than a fact, and she showed how throughout the civilized world it had been extended to women everywhere more rapidly than in the Southern United States. She said that in a representative government such as this the principle on which it is built is that "taxation without representation is tyrannical," and that "government derived from just powers by the consent of the governed," and declared it "is a sad commentary on our government that it did not follow that principle in including the whole people rather than men alone." She sketched briefly the grounds on which the franchise was extended to men.

WANTS TO KNOW HOW THE SOUTH WILL PROCEED

"If we should follow that often-repeated advice and tell women her place is in the home, taking her out of industry to-morrow, the wheels of industry would cease to turn forever," she asserted.

As a Southern woman and president of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, Miss Gordon said her particular mission was to find out how the Southern woman was regarded with emphasis on "how." The South was going to have suffrage extended to women. By national amendment or State enactment, "for," she said, "the South cannot always stand in the way of progress."

So the conference is following the advice of President Wilson, who said the Democratic party must take such action as an organized body, and the women will put it up to the Democratic National Convention of 1916, asking for a woman suffrage plank. If it is refused, would force Southern women to ask for a Federal amendment.

Mrs. Putney made a special plea for the child—for woman's inherent right to care for the children. "Oh, you satisfied women," she appealed, "have you a right in your clean, pleasant homes to put your children to bed in comfort and forget that another woman who lives in a basement and whose babies work all night in the mills?"

First it was to property holders; then an extension on educational grounds, and then to industrial workers. On the first two counts the said women were barred because they had no property rights under the law, and were not given the possibilities for education. "But," she asked, "could one deny that women have always been factors in industry? They have always been producers. How can they be denied the right to vote through that extension?" She spoke of the ballot as the working man as his source of power, and said there were 5,000,000 women in industry in the United States needing it today for their protection.

WOULD HAVE WOMAN'S VIEW IN ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

In speaking of certain conditions under which children work in States where there are no child labor laws, she told of wee-babes of five and six long night hours by a man whose duty it is to go the rounds with water bucket and sponge and mop the little faces to keep their eyes open.

Ebbs said women were the natural cleaners. Why not give them the right to act on questions pertaining to sanitation and to education? Among other points made by the latter speaker was that if there were laws on the statute books, they would be enforced; that women have a different viewpoint from men, and for that reason both should be represented. "We do not want to do this in politics," she said, "but we do want to be a half-politician whole thing, and not a half."

Mrs. C. V. Meredith introduced the speakers, and there was an open discussion following the addresses.

LOSERS SAW WOOD

Membership Contest Ends With Social at Central Y. M. C. A.

The social at the Central Young Men's Christian Association last night, when Chairman Thomas and his workers turned out to pay the penalty for losing in the Native Sons' Membership Contest, was a great success, and the occasion, though it was hard for some, was much enjoyed. Mr. Thomas was foreman of the wood-sawing job, and he worked as one who had handled a saw before, and on more serious occasions.

While the sawing was at its height the wives of two of the sawers brought dinner out on the stage, and the workers stopped long enough to enjoy the meal they had earned. H. T. Hunter, chairman of the North Carolina team, made a fine book agent when he attempted to sell a "Virginia Family Tree" to the laborers. C. C. Connaught, chairman of the West Virginia team, was the attending physician, and attended to the wounds of J. K. Class when he became involved with his back-saw.

Other entertainment was offered, and was well received.

MARGUERITE MERTHA WEDS

Court Appoints Guardian for Groom to Make Ceremony Possible.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, February 13.—Marguerite Mertha, the fourteen-year-old girl in whose behalf scores of society women intervened to save her from a seven-year sentence to the House of Correction, was married this evening to Samuel Jacobson, nineteen, who was responsible for her original arrest. Jacobson's parents refused to allow him to marry the girl, and the court appointed a guardian for him to make the ceremony possible.

## LUCILLE LAVERNE LEAVES LOCAL STOCK COMPANY

Forced by Ill Health to Take Long Rest From the Stage.

COMPANY WILL CONTINUE

Miss La Verne Was First Known Here in Character Parts With Giffen Stock Company, and Has Made Wide Reputation.

Lucille La Verne, the well-known character actress, from whom the stock company now playing at the Academy of Music takes its name, announced yesterday that she was forced by ill health to withdraw from the company and take a long rest.

Miss La Verne has long been known as one of the ablest delineators of a certain line of parts on the American stage. As Mme. Frochard, for instance, in "The Two Orphans," she has no equal in the English-speaking dramatic world; and in such parts as Aunt Selina, in which she made a great success when "Seven Days" was first produced, she is unapproachable. She has also established an enviable reputation as a negro dialect comedian, one of her most notable triumphs on the metropolitan stage having been achieved in the part of the old mammy in William Gillette's "Clarelle."

For a number of seasons, extending over a considerable period of time, Miss La Verne has been conspicuous in various stock companies that have made Richmond their home, beginning with the remarkable companies presented by L. G. Gillette, the company now reorganized and appearing at the Academy of Music, opened at the Strand Theatre, formerly the Empire, on August 17, under the name of the Lucille La Verne Company.

COMPANY REORGANIZED AND MOVED TO ACADEMY

After many vicissitudes, Miss La Verne and her associates left the Empire and, within a short time, reorganized the Lucille La Verne Company and entered upon an engagement at the Academy of Music, presenting "The Witching Hour" during the week beginning January 17. From the first the company attracted most favorable comment by reason of the excellence of its performances, barring its first disastrous experience, when, under the old organization, it offered "Dolly Primrose."

It is believed by showmen and theatre-goers alike that the company has now attained so strong a hold upon the public that the departure of Miss La Verne will not materially affect the organization's popularity and drawing power. The leading man, Edward Arnold, the leading woman, Eleanor Brent, and the principal character actor, Frederick Boone, in particular, have all established large followings, while Alexander Lettich, the director of the company, has given abundant evidence of his artistic and practical ability.

OSTEOPATHS ORGANIZE

Officers Elected and Plans Laid for Monthly Meetings.

The Central Virginia Osteopathic Society, made up of local osteopaths, was formed last night in a meeting held in the office of Dr. E. H. Shackelford, and the following officers were elected: president, Dr. H. S. Beckler, of Staunton; vice-president, Dr. H. H. Bell, of Petersburg; secretary, Dr. H. F. Callish, of Richmond; and treasurer, Dr. W. D. Bowen, of Richmond.

The new organization has for its purpose the discussion of professional topics. Meetings will be held monthly. At their meeting last night Dr. Wilson, of Chicago, held a clinic, demonstrating the Edwards' technique of treating catarrhal deafness, and other related subjects were discussed.

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## BLACKSTONE'S MAYOR OPPOSES SEGREGATION

Files Elaborate Calculations as to Its Results With General Assembly.

FIGURES SAID TO BE IN ERROR

Legislators Say Estimates Have Been Based on Tax Commission Statistics, Which Have Been Reputed as Inaccurate.

Members of the General Assembly have received from L. S. Epps, Mayor of Blackstone, a circular letter in which Mr. Epps purports to show the effect of the Weaver-Buchanan tax measures on certain towns and counties of the State.

The communication is interesting chiefly because it discloses earnest and diligent study of the tax problem by the Blackstone Mayor, but advocates of the segregation system say that it is of no significance as an authentic exhibit, being obviously based upon figures which were repudiated and shown to be inaccurate when printed in tabulated form for the information of the Legislature.

According to the showing made by Mr. Epps, twenty-six towns of the State suffer a loss in county revenue under the Weaver-Buchanan bill. They are: Albemarle, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Charles City, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Franklin, King William, Giles, Henrico, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Warren, Wayne and Washington.

SAYS HIS HOME TOWN WILL LOSE UNDER NEW PLAN

"In these counties," argues Mr. Epps, "the rate of county taxation, in order to maintain the present county revenue, must be in excess of the total revenue now levied by both the State and the county, therefore the amount now realized by the town government from subsidies to taxation is segregated will be a total loss to the town."

"Blackstone, for example, will lose \$2,200 under this bill. Nottoway County

must maintain a rate of taxation at least equal to the present total of State and county taxation. To maintain its present revenue the town rate on tangibles and real estate must be increased sufficiently to raise \$2,200 more from these subjects of taxation, which increase will amount to 32 cents on the \$100, which will be a positive increase in the total rate of taxation to be paid by the citizens of Blackstone to State, county and town."

He cites seven counties as "breaking even," or having a gain of less than \$500. They are Floyd, Greensville, James City, Lunenburg, Pulaski, Prince Edward and Rockbridge.

Six counties, he says, will gain from \$500 to \$1,100, these being the counties of Alleghany, Cumberland, Page, Craig, New Kent and Sussex.

Further, according to his reckoning, these twelve counties will gain from \$1,100 to \$2,000: Bland, Dinwiddie, Greene, Halifax, Isle of Wight, King George, King and Queen, Louisa, Matthews, Prince George, York and Princess Anne.

WILL MEAN DECREASE IN COUNTY RATE IN SOME COUNTIES

He argues that in each of these twenty-five counties segregation means a small decrease in county rates below the present total of the State and county rates, and a large increase in the town rate on real estate and tangibles.

His reckoning shows that eighteen counties gain between \$2,000 and \$3,000. They are Alexandria, Amelia, Bath, Buckingham, Carroll, Goochland, Grayson, Madison, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Rappahannock, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Westmoreland.

"In none of these," Mr. Epps writes, "will the county rate of taxation be decreased below the present total of county and State taxation, as much as the increase in the town rates. Hence, the owner of real estate and tangibles in towns in these counties must sustain an absolute increase in taxation, which is large, due to the larger proportion of intangibles in the town."

He argues that the segregation scheme "will most severely affect the towns in thirty counties, increasing their taxation."

One odd discrepancy in the calculations of Mr. Epps pointed out is that he seems not to have taken into account the tax on glycol localities to fix a rate on intangibles that will cover their losses from other sources.

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Why People Oppose Peruna.

Some good men may oppose Peruna. This may be true. Men may differ on any important subject, why not as to the value of Peruna.

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Creditable Testimony.

These men would not say such things if they were not true. Their statements are absolutely unselfish. No possible gain can come to them except the consciousness that they are helping others. Years have passed since these cures were made. They still stand by what they have said. No one can get by such evidence. Peruna is all they say it is, a tonic that fortifies the system against colds, coughs, catarrh and all the many exhausting influences of modern business.

We are in receipt of a letter from one of Chicago's bustling, enterprising lawyers. In addition to a large practice of his chosen profession, Mr. Rogers is a writer and lecturer. All of this requires a vast expenditure of vitality and nervous energy. In referring to this matter Mr. Rogers says:

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We prize such testimonials very highly, coming as they do from men of brains and push, who could not possibly have any motive for exaggeration or deception. His full name and address is Mr. Elmer E. Rogers, Atty., No. 137 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. George Winsenreid, 1310 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "Peruna is all right. I know it for I have tried it now for three years, and as long as I can get Peruna I shall need no doctors or medicine."

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